

EXAMINER 'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kerry P. Sisseleman on 04-01-2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 23 is canceled.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method for performing a call jump from a call established using a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to a video carrying call, comprising:

establishing a PSTN call with audio signals between a first and second party;

storing a destination number by a video enabled device;

activating the call jump by operation of a device by the first party;

sending a request to complete the call jump in response to the activating;

accepting the call jump by the second party;

generating a signal in response to the acceptance that indicates that the call jump should be completed;

initiating the call jump thereby connecting the parties via a packetized network;

transmitting multiplexed audio and video signals over the packetized network; and terminating the PSTN call from the Public Switched Telephone Network to proceed with the video carrying call.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The method according to claim 22, further comprising recognizing the established call by the video enabled device.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A call jump system for jumping a call established over a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to a packetized network, comprising:

a telephone;
a PSTN call including a first call side and a second call side;
a video enabled device configured to store a destination number;
an input by a user of the first call side that activates the call jump at a first party;
a requestor that requests a second party side to complete the call jump;
an acceptor that accepts the call jump by the second party side;
the video enabled device being configured to reroute the audio selectively to a network system selected from a group consisting of a traditional telephone carrier and the packetized network;
a multiplexor that multiplexes the audio and video;
a packetizer that packetizes the multiplexed audio and video signals from the standard telephone equipment, wherein the video is sent over the packetized network when the call jump is requested by the first party and accepted by the second party; and

the system being configured to terminate the PSTN call from the Public Switched Telephone Network to proceed with the call over the packetized network.

Reason for Allowance

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
Regarding claims 20-22, and 24-30, the prior art fails to teach or suggest a method for performing a call jump from a call established using a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to a video carrying call, comprising the steps of storing a destination number by a video enabled device; initiating the call jump thereby connecting the parties via a packetized network; transmitting multiplexed audio and video signals over the packetized network; and terminating the PSTN call from the Public Switched Telephone Network to proceed with the video carrying call, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 20.

Regarding claims 31-37, the prior art fails to teach or suggest a call jump system for jumping a call established over a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to a packetized network, comprising: a video enabled device configured to store a destination number; a packetizer that packetizes the multiplexed audio and video signals from the standard telephone equipment, wherein the video is sent over the packetized network when the call jump is requested by the first party and accepted by the second party; and the system being configured to terminate the PSTN call from the Public Switched Telephone Network to proceed with the call over the packetized network, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 31.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-3147. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2988.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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